



# MAGDALENE NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of the Magdalene Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term is quite a busy term with students undertaking NAPLAN testing, year group examinations in Years 11, 10 and 9, Magdalene shines, Year 12 moving into their final semester of schooling, subject choices and selections for Year 11 2017 and interviews for Year 7 2017. There are also many challenges in the academic and extra curricular life of the school. It is with this in mind that it is pleasing to witness so many students returning to school with a positive attitude and outlook. This can only enhance their contribution to their education and the education of others.

As we begin the new term I, once again, wish to stress the importance of striving for “personal excellence”. This is essential for every student at Magdalene. This means that students need to continue to develop a positive mindset and believe in themselves. Personal excellence involves continually seeking to improve on what has previously been achieved. This can often involve making mistakes and doing things in a different way. Some students will say they do not wish “to get things wrong” or not wish to “lose” or they “can’t” do something but each of these challenges allow the individual to grow and have a greater understanding of their own capacity and ability to improve. With a positive mindset and an attitude which suggests students believe they “can”, success will continue to come the way of the individual.

Over the holidays a number of maintenance jobs were carried out across the school to improve facilities. Ten new projectors were installed across the school to continue the upgrade of ICT facilities. The projectors will enable better quality audio visual presentations and in a number of ways enhance student learning. In addition two new footpaths were placed in the car park area. This will allow movement directly to the footpath leading into the school. This is a safer path for pedestrians as they move from the car park area to the school buildings.

This week our nation stopped to commemorate ANZAC Day. Mrs Forner along with a number of students took part in the Camden ANZAC Ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup> which, was a fitting way to express the Magdalene community gratitude to those who gave so much in the support of fellow human beings. I thank all who represented Magdalene last Monday.

Our community also paid tribute to those brave men and women who served in the armed services and made sacrifices so that people in this country could live in a free and democratic society. Our school was able to conduct our own ANZAC service on Tuesday 26 April. The service was attended by Commander Maxfield from the Australian Navy who is also a parent of a Magdalene student. Commander Maxfield spoke to the students and staff about the nature of the ANZAC spirit. He focussed on courage, self-reliance, mateship, selflessness, bravery, courage and self sacrifice among other attributes. He finished by stating “Soon the torch will pass to you, as the next generation of leaders, to honour the sacrifice of those who have gone before and to live the spirit of the ANZACs.” A very real challenge for every student.

The ceremony proved to be a fitting tribute to those who gave so much for us. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge those relatives of members of our community who served in the armed forces. I thank Mrs Phillips and the students involved for their contribution to the Magdalene ANZAC Ceremony.

*Strong minds, gentle hearts*



### ANZAC Prayer

Lord our God, boundless provider,  
source of peace that the world cannot give,  
kindly hear our constant prayer  
for those who bore witness to your own fidelity  
by giving their lives for those they loved.  
Resurrect them in our true homeland  
and perfect that peace for which they longed and died

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio  
**Principal**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Maree Eggleton and her husband Paul on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Mark Geoffrey Eggleton.

Mark Geoffrey Eggleton was born at 10.58pm on Friday 8 April 2016 weighing 4.05kgs and 51cm in length.

We wish them all the joys and blessings that a new baby brings to parents and the extended families.

### NAPLAN

A reminder to all parents of Year 7 and 9 students that NAPLAN testing will take place on NAPLAN May 10, 11 and 12. Letters have been sent in relation to the procedures involved.

### WINTER UNIFORM

All students are reminded to wear their Winter Uniform from Monday 9 May. A copy of the uniform policy is outlined in the student diary.

### Parents and Friend's Association and Parent Consultation Committee Meeting Tuesday 10 May

The next Parent's and Friends Association meeting will be conducted on Tuesday 10 May at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre.

The meeting will be followed by a presentation on "Your Teen and Anxiety" by our Catholic Care counsellors Mrs Gai Pastor and Mrs Cindy Wilson.

We can all experience times of feeling anxious. So what is anxiety and when should I be concerned? How can I support my teen?

**ALL WELCOME!**



# ANZAC DAY CEREMONY





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Remember our Diggers



25th April



# CAMDEN SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER BRITTANY BATES

## Camden Show Photography Winner – Brittany Bates

Last term, our very gifted Visual Arts/ Photography student Brittany Bates of Year 11 exhibited her extraordinary photographic talent in the Camden Show.



Brittany was awarded both the *'Most Successful Exhibitor in Youth Section'* and *'Most Successful Exhibitor in Youth Photography'* as a result of her successful entries in the following broad range of categories:

### First place:

- Youth macro colour
- Youth birds colour
- Youth animals non domestic colour
- Youth action sports colour
- Youth landscape black and white
- Youth landscape colour
- Youth any subject computer enhanced/photoshopped



### Second place:

- Youth macro colour
- Youth plants/flowers colour
- Youth action sports colour
- Youth landscape black and white



### Highly commended:

- Youth insects colour
- Youth plants/flowers colour
- Youth animals domestic pets colour



We commend Brittany for her dedication in exploring photographic techniques and subject matter and for her outstanding success beyond the Magdalene community.

**VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT**



# YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

## Year 11 Visual Arts Excursion

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Year 11 Visual Arts students travelled into the city for a jam-packed day of looking at, and learning about, Visual Arts. Students had the opportunity to broaden their art experience by considering the conceptual art of the Biennale Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW and were able to see, first hand, the outstanding material practice and conceptual depth of the 2015 HSC



practical works exhibited in this year's Art Express. Students also attended a workshop in the afternoon at the Museum of Contemporary Art to hone their skills at interpreting works of art they had never seen before with a view to expressing their ideas in writing. In all, students had a great day of learning about art and creativity and are to be commended for their enthusiastic participation and excellent cooperation.

### VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT





## YEAR 11 Subject Selection Information Evening

On Wednesday, 18 May, Year 10 students and parents are invited to attend an important Information Evening about the subjects we have to offer at Magdalene for Year 11, 2017. The evening will start at 5.45pm with Information sessions in the various KLA areas and subjects. Students and parents will be able to ask specific questions about subjects they may be interested in for their senior studies.

The evening will commence at 7pm, students and their parents will proceed to CAPA where they will be given very important information about the process of enrolment into HSC and Preliminary HSC years, units and the ATAR. An information booklet will be distributed. Students will also be expected to attend a Senior School entry interview with a staff member later in Term 2. They will also be given instructions about how to nominate their preferences for subject choices, keeping in mind that subjects offered may or may not be available in 2017 depending upon student interest and staffing.

Students will be expected to attend the evening, regardless of their intentions for 2017. It is necessary for all students to enter subjects preferences, even if they think they may be leaving Magdalene. A letter will be sent home about the evening.

## YEAR 7 - 10 MATHLETICS RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Bronze Certificate in Mathletics.

Year 7: Hayley Magro; Madison Hamilton; Kayla Parreno; Kaila Shaw; Kevin Maldonado; Beau Severin; Talia Omac; Amy Summers;

Year 8:

Year 9: Isaiah Osman

Year 10: Bethany Cooper; Tahnee Russell; Stephanie Robinson.

Congratulations to 7MAT2 for currently achieving the best class results in Mathletics.

## MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: **THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day.

Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)



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# NOTICEBOARD

## May

2	Monday	Yr 7, 2017 Interviews 3pm–8pm Diocesan Cross Country Da Vinci Decathlon
3	Tuesday	Yr 7, 2017 Interviews 3pm–8pm
3 - 4	Tuesday & Wednesday	CCC Rugby League
9	Monday	Yr 7, 2017 Interviews 3pm–8pm
9–20	Monday – Friday	Yr 11 Half Yearly Exams
10	Tuesday	Yr 7, 2017 Interviews 3pm–8pm
10–12	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Yr 7 and Yr 9 NAPLAN TESTING
20	Friday	Year 7 Immunisation Visit 2
27	Friday	Professional Development Day - Staff

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you are require uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

## MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #5

Can you arrange four nines to make it equal to 100.

Solution Maths Puzzle #5

$$99+9/9=100$$

Maths Puzzle #6 (Mothers Day)

You are going to visit your grandmother on Mother’s day. You want to give her two cakes. However, to get to her house you must cross seven bridges. At each bridge is a troll who demands  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all of your cakes as the price to pass. However, this troll, being a nice troll, feels bad and gives you back 1 of the cakes that he took. How many cakes should you take?

## SCHOOL FEES

The 2nd statement of School Fees will be sent home within the next week. Due date is Thursday 26 May.

If you have any difficulties with making payments please contact the Finance Office at the school to make suitable arrangements. Phone: 4631 3300 Mrs Geraldine Spencer or Mrs Michelle Gibbons - Finance.

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 2 Week 2A 2 May - 6 May	2 May Rochelle Bonning Leonie Sanchez Lisa Burke	3 May Janeen Brady Helen Dillon	4 May Jo Britt Coralie Kelly	5 May Raelene Joyce	6 May Vesna Pervan Liz Murko
Term 2 Week 3B 9 May - 13 May	9 May Kim Phillips Jen Quinn	10 May Sharon Draper Fran Lapa	11 May Lana Barskaia Eve Farkas	12 May Sandra Polkinghurst Alison Jenkins	13 May Racheal Miller Eva Wojcik
Term 2 Week A 16 May - 20 May	16 May Thai Tyquin Tanya Debono Cathy McDonald	17 May Kathy Foden Rosa Vella	18 May Agatha Lim Alison Jenkins	19 May Hilary Nguyen Angela De Pourbaix	20 May Cathy Stewart Michelle Heward

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*“Because I have seen the Lord”*

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